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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Roosevelt's annual message has been delivered to congress. Opening with a plea for the co-operation of all classes in continuing the country's prosperity and in correcting existing evils, for a "square deal" for everybody, the message first takes up the question of corporations and railroad rate legislation. The president says:

### Corporations.

I am in no sense hostile to corporations. This is an age of combination, and any effort to prevent all combination will be not only useless, but in the end vicious, because of the contempt for law which the failure to enforce law inevitably produces. The corporation has come to stay, just as the trades union has come to stay. Each can do and has done great good. Each should be favored so long as it does good. But each should be sharply checked where it acts against law and justice.

Experience has shown conclusively that it is useless to try to get any adequate regulation and supervision of these great corporations by state action. Such regulation and supervision can only be effectively exercised by a sovereign whose jurisdiction is co-extensive with the field work of the corporations—that is, by the national government. I believe that this regulation and supervision can be obtained by the enactment of law by the congress. If this proves impossible, it will certainly be necessary ultimately to confer in fullest form such power upon the national government by affirmative amendment of the constitution.

The laws of the congress and of the several states hitherto, as passed upon by the courts, have resulted more often in showing that the states have no power in the matter than that the national government has power; so that there at present exists a very unfortunate condition of things, under which these great corporations doing an interstate business occupy the position of subjects without a sovereign, neither any state government nor the national government having effective control over them. Our steady aim should be by legislation, cautiously and carefully undertaken, but resolutely persevered in, to assert the sovereignty of the national government by affirmative action.

This is only in form an innovation. In substance it is merely a restoration, for from the earliest time such regulation of industrial activities has been recognized in the action of the law-making bodies, and all that I propose is to meet the changed conditions in such manner as will prevent the commonwealth abdicating the power it has always possessed, not only in this country, but also in England before and since this country became a separate nation.

### Railroad Rate Legislation.

As I said in my message of Dec. 6, the immediate and most pressing need so far as legislation is concerned is the enactment into law of some scheme to secure to the agents of the government such supervision and regulation of the rates charged by the railroads of the country engaged in interstate traffic as shall summarily and effectively prevent the imposition of unjust or unreasonable rates. It must include putting a complete stop to rates in every shape and form. This power to regulate rates, like all similar powers over the business world, should be exercised with moderation, caution and self-restraint, but it should exist, so that it can be effectively exercised when the need arises.

In my judgment, the most important provision which such law should contain is that conferring upon some competent administrative body the power to decide upon the case being brought before it whether a given rate prescribed by a railroad is reasonable and just, and if it is found to be unreasonable and unjust then, after full investigation of the complaint, to prescribe the limit of rate beyond which it shall be lawful to go—the maximum reasonable rate, as it is commonly called. This decision to go into effect without unreasonable time and to obtain thence onward, subject to review by the courts.

Sometimes happens at present, not only is the rate too high, but that a fair shipper is given too low a rate. In such case the commission would have the right to fix this already established minimum rate as the maximum. It would need only one or two such changes by the commission to cure the evils of the practice of

giving improper minimum rates. I call your attention to the fact that my proposal is not to give the commission power to initiate or originate rates generally, but to regulate a rate already fixed or originated by the roads upon complaint and after investigation. A heavy penalty should be exacted from any corporation which fails to respect an order of the commission. I regard this power to establish a maximum rate as being essential to any scheme of real reform in the matter of railway regulation.

It is worth while considering whether it would not be wise to confer on the government the right of civil action against the beneficiary of a rebate for at least twice the value of the rebate. This would help stop what is really blackmail. Elevator allowances should be stopped, for they have now grown to such an extent that they are demoralizing and are used as rebates.

### Private Car Lines.

All private car lines, industrial roads, refrigerator charges and the like should be expressly put under the supervision of the interstate commerce commission or some similar body so far as rates and agreements practically affecting rates are concerned. A rebate in icing charges or in mileage or in a division of the rate for refrigerating charges is just as pernicious as a rebate in any other way.

There should be publicity of the accounts of common carriers. Only in this way can violations or evasions of the law be surely detected. A system of examination of railroad accounts should be provided similar to that now conducted into the national banks by the bank examiners. A few first class railroad accountants, if they had proper direction and proper authority to inspect books and papers, could accomplish much in preventing willful violations of the law.

### Employers' Liability Law.

In my annual message to the Fifty-eighth congress at its second session I recommended the passage of an employers' liability law for the District of Columbia and in our navy yards. I renewed that recommendation in my message to the Fifty-ninth congress at its second session and further suggested the appointment of a commission to make a comprehensive study of employers' liability with a view to the enactment of a wise and constitutional law covering the subject, applicable to all industries within the scope of the federal power. I hope that such a law will be prepared and enacted as speedily as possible.

There has been demand for depriving courts of the power to issue injunctions in labor disputes. Such special limitation of the equity powers of our courts would be most unwise. It is true that some judges have misused this power, but this does not justify a denial of the power any more than an improper exercise of the power to call a strike by a labor leader would justify the denial of the right to strike. The remedy is to regulate the procedure by requiring the judge to give due notice to the adverse parties before granting the writ, the hearing to be ex parte if the adverse party does not appear at the time and place ordered. What is due notice must depend upon the facts of the case. It should not be used as a pretext to permit violation of law or the jeopardizing of life or property. Of course this would not authorize the issuing of a restraining order or injunction in any case in which it is not already authorized by existing law.

I renew the recommendation I made in my last annual message for an investigation by the department of commerce and labor of general labor conditions, especial attention to be paid to the conditions of child labor and child labor legislation in the several states. Such an investigation should take into account the various problems with which the question of child labor is connected. In such a republic as ours the one thing that we cannot afford to neglect is the problem of turning out decent citizens. The future of the nation depends upon the citizenship of the generations to come. The children of today are those who tomorrow will shape the destiny of our land, and we cannot afford to neglect them. The legislature of Colorado has recommended that the national government provide some general measure for the protection from abuse of children and dumb animals throughout the United States. I lay the matter before you for what I trust will be your favorable consideration.

### As to Women Who Work.

The department of commerce and labor would also make a thorough investigation of the conditions of women in the various industries.

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## ED. STARKE AT NEGRO

Was Shot Through Window and Death Resulted Instantly

### MURDERER MADE HIS ESCAPE

Starke Was a Peaceable, Industrious Farmer, and No Motive Has Developed for the Rash Act Which Cost Him His Life.

Information reached this city Wednesday of a murder which occurred at Campville Tuesday night, the victim being Edward Starke, colored, an energetic and successful farmer of the Melrose district.

The information was very meager, and notwithstanding that The Sun exerted every effort to secure particulars the effort was unsuccessful; in fact, there seems to be no particulars other than the fact that Starke was attending a colored festival at Campville, and that some person shot him through a window, killing him instantly. The murderer, who was not known, made his escape, and has thus far succeeded in eluding the officers.

Starke was regarded as an unusually industrious negro, and one who attended strictly to his own affairs. No motive could be given for the rash act, but it is believed that the murderer was either after another party, or it was a case of mistaken identity, as the dead man had no enemies of whom his friends were aware.

### NEWBERRY NONSENSE.

Small Business Engaged in By Some One Who Hadn't Much to Do.

Editor Sun: Please find enclosed "notice" for publication:

### "NOTICE.

"A PLAY AT CARTER'S HALL ON THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 33.

"TITLE: 'BALLUSHIPPIBLUCIEABBYSHIGATION.

"Stage Director, Mrs. Thomas McLeod.

"Queen of the Play, Miss Mattie Sheppard.

"King of the Play, Thad Wood.

"1st. A dance by Mrs. May and Mrs. Frederick.

"2d. A song and dance by J. G. White and C. D. May.

"3d. A catalogue by Albert Mills, Will Chapman, Rollie Osteen, Dr. Newman and Oscar Zipperer.

"4th. A song by Ira J. Carter, Miss Pearl Henderson, Miss Mattie Guy and Clark Weeks.

"5th. A song by the class—('After the Ball').

"6th. A solo by Mrs. E. T. Henderson.

"7th. A elog by E. T. Henderson and T. I. Wood.

"8th. The closing address by T. M. Kincaid."

This notice was written as an insult to a good cause. The Christian people of the town have instituted plays for the benefit of the town and the public good in general. There is a certain element that has no future welfare at heart for their's or no others' sinners or brother and are laying the foundation for hundreds more to walk in the same path.

Can a town with such notices tacked on the postoffice easement promise anything but destruction to its people? Newberry has had a hard chance to grow. It is backed by a phosphate territory unequalled in the South. By violating the laws of the country, selling Sunday for a business day, "blind tigers" for maintaining homes, it is now blackened and scarred by the erosion crews that prey on the carcasses of that which was once pure.

### Telephone Extension.

The city of Dunnellon on December 1st granted to the East Florida Telephone Company a franchise. This company will as soon after January 1st, 1906, as possible, put in an up-to-date exchange in Dunnellon and connect with all the phosphate mines in that vicinity and points south.

### A WAYCROSS WEDDING.

Former Waldo Girl Weds Popular Young Man in Georgia City.

The Waycross Journal of recent date contains the following, which will be of interest to the readers of The Sun in this section:

"The marriage of Miss Edith Leona Mattair and Mr. Henry A. Ferreira, which took place at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mattair, 68 Folks street, was an interesting event of the week, witnessed by a large circle of friends of the young couple.

"The house was prettily decorated with cut flowers and potted flowers. In one corner of the drawing-room an improvised altar was formed of an arch, decorated with trailing vines and lovely carnations from which was suspended a beautiful wedding-bell of white carnations.

"The bridal party entered to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Jessie Haire; the maid of honor, Miss Etta Strowbridge of Baldwin, Fla., and Mr. Joseph Aldrich as best man, coming first. Then followed the bride and groom, and as the wedding party stood forming a charming group, the Catholic ceremony was read by the Rev. Father Millet of Brunswick.

"After the ceremony the guests were entertained at a reception. A number of handsome presents were received by the young couple.

"The bride has only been living in Waycross a few months, coming here with her parents from Waldo, Fla. She is a young woman of bright personality, with a sweet disposition which has won her many friends, who wish for her much happiness.

"Mr. Ferreira is originally from Fernandina, Fla., and is a young man of fine character.

"For the present Mr. and Mrs. Ferreira are with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mattair, 68 Folks street."

### THE NEWS FROM MELROSE.

Death of Fine Cow by Snakebite—Industrial Edition of Sun Pleases.

Melrose, Dec. 6.—C. W. Baldwin sustained quite a severe loss lately in the death of a very valuable Jersey cow, apparently from snake bite.

The Melrose citizens were much pleased and gratified by the very nicely written article about their town in the Industrial Edition of The Gainesville Sun. The issue is a fine one, and does great credit to its editor. Several copies have been mailed abroad.

T. A. Birt and family have rented the cottage on Melrose Cove, formerly occupied by C. L. Willets. Mr. Birt proposes to rent out boats and act as guide to hunting and fishing parties.

Both the Hoffman House and Bay View served specially fine dinners on Thanksgiving Day.

Miss Layfield of Atlanta is a guest of Mrs. O. O. Husband.

Among the new arrivals at the Hoffman House are Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Kinella, Mrs. W. Ackerman and Dr. and Mrs. J. Paxton, all of Paterson, N. J.; Mrs. M. M. Coekran and Mrs. E. Marshall of Pittsburgh, Pa.; W. B. Aycock, Pollard, Ala., and H. Y. Upchurch of Jacksonville.

Mrs. H. W. Hamlyn entertained a few friends very delightfully at cards this afternoon in honor of her mother's, Mrs. Orr's, eightieth birthday.

### LEW WALLACE POST.

Regular Meeting of That Post Was Held Tuesday—Good Attendance.

The regular semi-annual meeting of Lew Wallace Post, Grand Army of the Republic, was held in this city, over Du. Co.'s bank, Wednesday and was well attended.

In the absence of Commander H. F. Dutton, who was called out of the city on business, the meeting was presided over by Col. A. P. Morrow.

There was no special business before the meeting and after the transaction of the regular business the meeting adjourned.

The occasion afforded an opportunity for many of the Veterans of the Civil War to come together and it is judged to add that the meeting was most successful one.

## J. & S.-W. RAILWAY IS FORGING AHEAD

Trains Are Now Running West as Far as Suwannee River.

### THE WORK IS BEING PUSHED

Large Force Engaged in Grading in LaFayette and Taylor Counties, and Road Will be Completed in Few Months—Suwannee River Bridge.

Chas. V. McQueen of Lexington was in the city Tuesday. Mr. McQueen, who is an extensive contractor, had a contract for grading on the Jacksonville and Southwestern extension of the Atlantic Coast Line from Newberry west, and states that he has finished his work, with the exception of about five miles, having reached a point about ten miles west of the Suwannee river. The iron has been laid to the Suwannee river, and trains are now running to that point. A large force of workmen are engaged on the other side, in LaFayette and Taylor counties, and the completion of the extension to Perry is being pushed as rapidly as possible. Work is also progressing nicely on the railroad bridge spanning the Suwannee, which it is expected will be finished in a few weeks.

The extension of the Jacksonville and Southwestern means a great deal commercially and otherwise for that section traversed, in which the sound of a locomotive whistle has never been heard. It will open one of the richest and most fertile agricultural sections in the State, to say nothing of the access which will be afforded to the millions of acres of fine timber suitable for turpentine and saw mill purposes. Already naval stores and lumber manufacturers are attracted to that country, with the result that land and timber are being bought up rapidly at good prices. The forests being virgin makes the timber all the more valuable, and for the next fifteen or twenty years the turpentine and milling industries will thrive.

### ALACHUA ANNALS.

Brief Items From Our Regular Correspondent of the Week's Events.

Alachua, December 5.—Rev. B. F. Amason left Tuesday for Ocala to attend the annual Methodist Conference. Monday night a party of young people called at the parsonage and presented Rev. Amason with \$20 to help buy a new overcoat. Delightful refreshments were served the young folks and everything was done to show that the gift was highly appreciated.

Mrs. B. W. Cato and son and Miss Jessie Hawkins have returned from a pleasant trip to South Florida.

E. Marcion, photographer, of Newberry has moved to Alachua for a few months, and will make some photos of our people.

S. C. Dell has purchased the Guy property here. This property is in a very desirable residential section and is a valuable acquisition.

G. D. Ash of Live Oak has opened a general store in the new Powell building, just completed. We are glad to have Mr. Powell with us and trust he will meet with success.

Dr. J. L. Cloud will have his new building completed in a few days.

W. H. Sealey of the Racket Store and Dr. J. C. Bishop, druggist, are keeping abreast of the times and furnishing their stores with handsome combination plate glass counters and show cases.

A movement is on foot to consolidate the three gins at Alachua and have one ginning plant equipped with all the modern machinery, so as to be able to handle the cotton with ease. It is hoped that it will succeed, as it will mean a great deal for this place.

Mrs. W. T. Roberts has returned from a visit to her parents at Melrose.

Mrs. Fannie Baldwin has moved from Old Town to Alachua and is occupying the residence of her son, H. Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Williams will entertain a few of their friends Wednesday night at an elegant supper.